



# KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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## **OPPORTUNITY AND ACCESS WORK GROUP TO MEET**

(Frankfort, KY) – The Commissioner’s Accountability Work Group for Opportunity and Access will meet Thursday, August 4 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET at the Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative in Lexington.

The Accountability Work Groups, as support to the Accountability Steering Committee, will design various elements of Kentucky’s new school accountability system under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) – the new federal law governing public education. Each group will focus on a specific area of the system including assessment, college- and career-readiness, educational innovations, opportunity and access, and school improvement. All groups will consider overarching themes, such as how to close the achievement gap.

Each work group will make recommendations to the Accountability Steering Committee, which will in turn make recommendations on the overall system to Commissioner of Education Stephen Pruitt. The Kentucky Board of Education must approve any changes in the accountability system. The current timeline calls for the new system to be in place for the 2017-18 school year.

A full agenda follows.

### **AGENDA**

#### **Commissioner’s Accountability Work Groups: Opportunity and Access**

**August 4, 2016, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET**

**Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative  
2331 Fortune Drive, Suite 110, Lexington, KY**

- I. Welcome and introductions
- II. Review charge of Opportunity and Access Work Group
  - Context of other working groups
  - Framework for discussion topics
- III. Definitions of opportunity and access
  - Review notes from July meeting
  - Determine operational definitions of opportunity and access
  - The “opportunity gap” as the key factor in the “achievement gap”
- IV. Opportunity/access indicators
  - Review of literature/research findings on opportunity/access indicators for non-tested grades/subjects
- V. Next steps
  - Next meeting: August 18, Hardin County EC3 Center, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET
- VI. Adjournment

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